Doubling of Gooty-Pullampetta rail line

448. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Andhra Pradesh, the Prime Minister announced the doubling of the 151 km. Gooty-Pullampetta line on the Mumbai-Chennai route which will be part of the rail quadrilateral connecting the four main metros;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total amount to be spent thereon; and

(d) by what time the work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched National Rail Vikas Yojana on 26.12.2002 with commencement of work on three projects including doubling of Gooty-Pullampetta. This project is a part of strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral with an anticipated cost of Rs. 305 crore.

(d) The target date for completion of the work has not yet been fixed.

Trial run of fastest train

449. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways has conducted a trial run of its fastest train at 180 Km.p.h. in January 2003;

(b) whether indigenously manufactured engine was used for this train or it was an imported engine;

(c) whether trail was successful or not;

(d) whether Government propose to run some other trains at that speed; and

(e) if so, what are the other details in this regard?